

1. Special Independence Day Weekend Notices

- a) **Parade:** The Takoma Park Independence Day Committee will host the 122nd Independence Day Celebration (Parade and Fireworks) on Monday, July 4. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. at Carroll and Ethan Allen Avenues. The parade route follows Carroll Avenue toward DC, crosses over to Maple Avenue along Carroll Street, then returns along Maple Avenue. Street closures and detours begin at 9:30 a.m. Information about the parade and fireworks can be found at: <http://www.takomapark4th.org>.
- b) **Evening Program and Fireworks:** The evening program begins at 7 p.m. at Takoma Park Middle School (7611 Piney Branch Road). Fireworks begin at 9:30 p.m. In the event of rain, the fireworks are rescheduled for the first clear evening.
- c) **Community BBQ:** The Steve Francis Foundation will host a Community BBQ at Maple and Lincoln Avenues from 12 noon to 7:30 p.m. Lincoln Avenue will be closed from Jefferson Street to Maple Avenue.
- d) **Wiffle Ball Tournament:** The Takoma Park Recreation Committee will be sponsoring its Annual July 4th Family Wiffle Ball Tournament. This event allows families and friends to get out and have fun together while enjoying the holiday. Tournament will be held at Lee Jordan Field (Behind Takoma Park Middle) on Monday, July 4, 2011 from 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per team (minimum of 5 players per team). You can still sign up at www.activenet.active.com/takomaparkrecreation. For additional please call the Takoma Park Recreation Department at (301) 891-7290. (Recreation)
- e) **Facility Closures:** Most City facilities will be closed Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.
- f) **Library Hours:** The Library will be open its regular hours on Saturday, July 2, but closed Monday, July 4. The Computer Center will be closed Saturday, July 2, through Monday, July 4. Internet access is available in the Library on Saturday, July 2, but computer users are limited to one 20 minute session if others are waiting.
- g) **No T-Ball Games:** In observance of Independence Day, there will be no T-ball games this Saturday, July 2. League play will resume on Saturday, July 9.
- h) **Takoma Park Detours in effect for July 4th - from 8:00 AM until about 1:00 PM:**
- MD-410 traffic coming from Hyattsville will be detoured onto Jackson Avenue, to Sligo Creek Parkway, and then west to Piney Branch Road, and back south to Philadelphia Avenue.
 - From Silver Spring, traffic will detour north onto Piney Branch Road, turning east onto Sligo Creek Parkway, and can turn south onto New Hampshire Avenue, and back to MD-410.
 - Carroll Avenue traffic heading south, will be detoured west onto Flower Avenue, to Piney Branch Road, then south towards the District.
 - Northbound Carroll Avenue traffic should use either Piney Branch Road or New Hampshire Avenue as an alternate.
- i) **Yard Waste, Refuse, and Recycling:** There will be no yard waste collection the week of July 4th. Refuse and recycling will be collected on its regular schedule.

2. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of July 4, 2011:

- City Council meeting, Tuesday, July 5, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium (closed session vote at 6 p.m.)
- All meetings are held in the Community Center and open to the public unless noted otherwise. Contact jessiec@takomagov.org to check for cancellations or for additional information. *(City Clerk)*

3. Washington Gas Service Line Replacement Project - Webpage For Project Tracking: The City has set up a page on the City's website for the upcoming Washington Gas service line replacement project in Old Takoma. The page can be accessed at www.takomaparkmd.gov/washingtongas. The page will post updates as they become available. Currently the page has a copy of the informational letter provided by Washington Gas, the City permit copy, the list of affected addresses and contact information. A schedule for the project has not yet been established. There is also the option for users to request notice via email or text whenever the page is updated. *(Public Works)*

4. Next Week! No Boundaries Engagement Forum with County Councilmember Valerie Ervin (Ward 6):

Councilmember Ervin will be hosting a table discussion for stakeholders in Montgomery County and Prince George's County July 8 at 9 AM - note venue has changed to Piney Branch Elementary School - RSVP to councilmember.ervin@montgomerycountymd.gov or by calling 240-777-7960. For more info see: <http://www.thenewave.com/do/no-boundaries-engagement-forum>. Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker will be on hand to provide remarks. *(Housing and Community Development)*

5. New Ave Social (Wards 2, 3 & 6): The first New Ave Social had a full table turnout - with representation from New Hampshire Gardens, Takoma Overlook, the Crossroads Farmers Market, the Silver Spring Advisory Committee, Impact Silver Spring, Circle Woods, South of Sligo Creek, the City Council and Del. Tom Hucker. *(Housing and Community Development)*

6. Design Guidelines - Takoma Langley Sector Plan (Ward 6): The M-NCPPC Planning Staff has released their draft of the proposed design guidelines for the area encompassed by the Takoma Langley Sector Plan. They will be discussing this draft with the Planning Board on June 30, currently scheduled for the late afternoon. View Planning Board staff draft guidelines:

<http://www.montgomeryplanningboard.org/agenda/2011/agenda20110630e.html>. View Planning Board discussion: http://mncppc.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=746 (at approximately 1:27:20). Planning Board staff has tentatively selected July 14 as a date for a community discussion of the draft guidelines. *(Housing and Community Development)*

7. Takoma Langley Sector Plan Council Review (Ward 6): City staff attended the Monday Montgomery County Council Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee (PHED) meeting regarding the Takoma Langley Sector Plan. At the meeting City Staff reiterated the City's interest in using the New Hampshire Avenue Recreation Center site for a future public/private development to improve the facility. The County Council removed language regarding the number and size of parks to be included in any future development on the B.F. Saul Property and whether they are public or private. The next meeting will be Monday, July 11. *(Housing and Community Development)*

8. Commercial/Residential Zones (Ward 2 and 6): City staff attended CR Zone zoning text amendment meetings by the Montgomery County Council Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee (PHED). The City reminded the Planning Board and County that we had not requested an increase in parking requirements as we routinely support requests for 30% to 60% reductions in parking requirements and see the parking waiver process as a disincentive to small business investment. The next meeting will be Monday, July 11. *(Housing and Community Development)*

9. Home Owners and Renters Tax Credit Applications Due by September 1, 2011: Don't miss the September 1, 2011 deadline for submitting your applications for the Maryland Tax Credit Programs. They are designed to help low income home owners and renters by limiting the amount that they must pay in property taxes. To receive the tax credit, an application and all supporting documentation must be sent to the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation no later than September 1 of each year. To obtain an application for either tax credit program, you can call the State of Maryland at 1 (800) 944-7403, access it on their website, www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/sdatforms.html and scroll to the bottom of the page, or call Linda Walker at 301-891-7222. *(Housing and Community Development)*

10. Foreclosure Prevention Counseling Available Free of Charge: Four non-profit organizations, supported by the Montgomery County Government, are available to help families stay out of foreclosure. If you haven't been hearing back from your lender, then try visiting one of the following agencies to see if they can help: 1) Housing Initiative Partnership, 301- 916-5946, www.hiphomes.org; 2) Asian-American Homeownership Counseling, Inc., 301-760-7636, www.aa-hc.org; 3) HomeFree USA, 301-355-6140, www.homefreeusa.org; or 4) Latino Economic Development Corporation, 1-866-977-5332, www.ledc.org. *(Housing and Community Development)*

11. Camp Recess Gets Off to a Good Start!: Camp Recess began at Takoma Park Recreation Center on Monday, June 27, 2011. The camp was filled to capacity and parents and campers are excited about another summer of games and activities led by Camp Director, Sandra Boone. During the first week campers went swimming and had an arts and crafts project presented by the Takoma Park Library and the Friends of Takoma Park Library. The arts and crafts project was led by Karen MacPherson who captivated campers and they are looking forward to another project with Karen next week. The week will end with our weekly cook-out led by Chef Jim Baxter. Everyone is excited about the Camp Recess program and looks forward to fun each and every week. *(Recreation)*

12. Free Zumba Demonstration at the Recreation Center: On Wednesday, June 29, the Takoma Park Recreation Center had a "FREE" Zumba Demonstration led by Kim Clark. It was an exhilarating evening that had 23 in attendance. We look forward to getting everyone hooked and loving the Zumba experience! *(Recreation)*

13. Montgomery County Workforce Development Program For Teens: On Tuesday, June 21, the Montgomery County Workforce Development program began a series of job readiness workshops for Takoma Park teens. The inaugural session featured a resume workshop that was attended by 8 individuals. Workshops take place every Tuesday at noon in the Hydrangea Room of the Community Center. The last session will be held on August 30th. Feel free to contact Assistant Recreation Director Gregory Clark at 301-891-7227 to register or for more information about this partnership. *(Recreation)*

14. Oldies but Goodies: On Thursday, June 30, 10 Takoma Park teens hosted a cook-out at the Heffner Community Center for seniors. Approximately 30 seniors came out to enjoy an afternoon of music, old school trivia and lunch. During this intergenerational social, the teens and seniors exchanged memories, old wives tales, and the cost of items then and now. In addition some seniors brought mementos including 8 track tapes, gold coins and photos. From the old Jerk dance to the new Jerk dance, fun was had by all. *(Recreation)*

15. Camp Takoma had a Wonderful Week Rocking Out: The participants made a Rock Star video, colored rock star posters, decorated glasses, guitars and even pretended they were real Rock Stars. A swimming trip, a performance by "the Blues Man" and bowling were fun additions to camp. The participants enjoyed themselves this week and we hope next week's theme, Space Week, they will discover more fun! *(Recreation)*

16. What is Art?: Katie Dell Kaufman's Visual Art Camp was a huge success. The students learned about modernism by creating 3-d sculptures, discovering futuristic drawing, designing clothes of the future and discovering the food and art inspiration for French artists. *(Recreation)*

17. Adult Softball League – Congratulations, Rejoycers: The Takoma Park Recreation Department is proud to announce the 2011 Adult Softball League Champions. The Rejoycers were able to slightly edge the 'Tequila Shots' 12-11 in the championship

game. Championship shirts will be given out to each member on the Rejoycers' team. The Takoma Park Recreation Department would like to thank everyone who participated in the League. *(Recreation)*

18. Rookie Sports Camp – What a Week: This past week 15 campers' ages 3-5 participated in week 1 of the Rookie Sports Camp. Participants engaged in activities such as: bowling, basketball, football, soccer, T-ball, relay races and more. Each participant had a blast and learned a lot each day!! On the final day of camp (Friday) each campers received participation awards for a job well done! *(Recreation)*

19. Reading Program: As of July 1, 225 children were enrolled in the Library's Summer Quest summer reading program. The program continues into September. *(Library)*

20. Medal Winners: Children's Librarian Karen MacPherson attended the American Library Association Convention in New Orleans, as a member of the committee that will select the Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Medal for 2012. The award is given to the author(s) and illustrator(s) of the most distinguished nonfiction children's book published in the U.S during the preceding year. The 2011 medal winner was "Kakapo Rescue: Saving the World's Strangest Parrot," which documents the successes and failures of the rescue team dedicated to saving a species of flightless parrots numbering fewer than 100. This enthralling and beautifully photographed book is available at the Takoma Park Library. *(Library)*

21. Library Fees: Beginning July 1, residents of Montgomery County who do not live, work or attend school in Takoma Park will be charged \$37 per year for Library cards or card renewals. Non-residents of Montgomery County will be charged \$60 per year. Photocopies will cost \$.20 per page; black and white printing will cost \$.20 per page; and, color printing will cost \$.50 per page. *(Library)*

22. Fee Increases: In addition to the increased fees for Library services, small fee increases became effective July 1 for some public works, police, and housing services. Credit cards may now be used to pay City fees, either at the Finance Department window, or over the phone to the Finance Department at 301-891-7212. *(Deputy City Manager)*

Officers in Training: On July 28 through 30, Lt. Collington, Det. Butler and Mr. Gucciardo attended training entitled "Violent Crime Behavioral Analysis Seminar" in Annapolis, Maryland. *(Police)*

23. Crime Report: The Crime Report June 24-30, 2011, can be viewed at:
http://tppolice.blogspot.com/2011/06/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_30.html. *(Police)*

24. Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 116 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, four vehicle impounds and two Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrests.

During June 25-30, 2011, the following details were completed:

June 25, 2011

- New Hampshire Avenue & Holton Lane (no left turn/no u-turn) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one warning.
- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations.
- Jackson Avenue & Flower Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

June 26, 2011

- New Hampshire avenue & Holton Lane (no u-turn) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO).
- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one State citation and three warnings.
- Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations.
- New Hampshire Avenue & Holton Lane (no left turn/no u-turn) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations.

June 27, 2011

- 900 block of East West Highway (tag reader/suspensions) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations.
- 6900 block of New Hampshire Avenue (tag reader/suspensions) - conducted a detail at various times and issued eight State citations.

June 28, 2011

- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations and one warning.

June 29, 2011

- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations.
- East West Highway & Kentland Avenue (speeding) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations for speed and four other State citations.
- 1100 block of University Blvd. (equipment-DUI violations) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations and four warnings.

June 30, 2011

- Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one State citation.
 - 1100 block of University Blvd. (various violations) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued three State citations and one warning.
- (Police)*